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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, XM

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP

1. THE SECRETARY ASKS THAT YOU DELIVER THE FOLLOWING
LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER:

2. AFTER APPROPRIATE SALUTATION BEGIN TEXT:

"I GREATLY REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO VISIT (NAME OF
HOST COUNTRY) ON MY RECENT TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA.
YOU WILL, I THINK, BE INTERESTED IN SOME OF THE IMPRESSIONS

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I GATHERED DURING MY TRAVELS.

3. I BEGAN MY TRIP CONSCIOUS THAT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IS A REGION OF SPECIAL TIES AND INTERESTS FOR THE UNITED STATES. OUR BONDS OF INTIMACY AND COLLABORATION, OUR COMMON ORIGINS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FOREIGN TYRANNY, OUR COMMON TRADITIONS IN THE HERITAGE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, AND OUR COMMON PURPOSES IN MUTUAL SECURITY AND IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLES ARE THE BASIS OF THAT SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.

4. THIS RELATIONSHIP MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON OUR COMMON PROBLEMS. MY TRIP WAS AN

ATTEMPT TO ASSESS THOSE PROBLEMS FIRST HAND, AND TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS.

5. I LEARNED DURING MY TRAVELS THAT BOTH LATIN AMERICA AND THE NATURE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE UNITED STATES ARE CHANGING. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE ALL IN TRANSITION, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY.

6. WE DO NOT FEAR CHANGE. CHANGE COINCIDES WITH OUR OWN DESIRE FOR A MORE OPEN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, ONE NOT BASED ON PRETENSIONS TO HEGEMONY OR MEMORIES OF INEQUALITY, BUT UPON MUTUAL RESPECT, COMMON INTERESTS AND COOPERATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING.

7. THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA NOW PLAY A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN WORLD POLITICAL COUNCILS, BECAUSE OF THE EVER STRONGER TIES TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, AND ALSO BECAUSE LATIN AMERICA IS THE MOST MATURE, ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED REGION AMONG THE EMERGING NATIONS.

8. I BELIEVE THESE CONDITIONS AND THE TRADITIONAL CLOSENESS OF OUR RELATIONS AFFORD GROUNDS FOR HOPE THAT COOPERATION WITHIN THIS HEMISPHERE CAN BE A MODEL FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GENERALLY.

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COUNTRIES GENERALLY.

9. THEREFORE, I PLEDGED DURING MY TRIP THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO:

-- RESPOND TO THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND TO THE REGION AS A WHOLE IN THE AREAS OF TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCE;

-- ASSIST ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS THE EFFORTS OF THE
NEEDEST NATIONS TO ADVANCE THEMSELVES;

-- SUPPORT AND WORK WITH LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL EFFORTS
TO ORGANIZE FOR COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION;

-- NEGOTIATE OUR DIFFERENCES WITH ANY NATION OR NATIONS
ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND SOVEREIGN EQUALITY;

-- MAINTAIN ITS FIRM COMMITMENT TO MUTUAL SECURITY
AGAINST ANYONE WHO WOULD UNDERMINE OUR COMMON EFFORT,
THREATEN OUR INDEPENDENCE, OR EXPORT VIOLENCE AND TERROR;
AND

-- MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM
BY WORKING WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES TO DEVELOP
NEW STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES IN THE OAS AND WITH
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET THE NEW REALITIES OF OUR
HEMISPHERE.

10. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOW PREPARING ITSELF
TO WORK WITH LATIN AMERICA IN MEETING THESE GOALS.
DURING THE NEXT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING; I HOPE TO
BE ABLE TO DISCUSS SOME DETAILED PROPOSALS WITH YOU AND
OUR COLLEAGUES. IN THE INTERIM, I KNOW YOU CAN GIVE
THOUGHT TO HOW WE MIGHT COLLECTIVELY APPROACH THE
OBJECTIVES I HAVE SKETCHED OUT. I GAVE THESE THEMES
SOMEWHAT FULLER TREATMENT IN SPEECHES MADE DURING THE
TRIP AND I WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING YOU ALONG A COMPLETE
COLLECTION OF THESE."

11. APPROPRIATE CLOSING. KISSINGER
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